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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden: draft decision

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, and bearing in mind the need to strengthen the operational activities of the United Nations system, in particular the governance and financing aspects thereof, decides:

(a) To request the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1992, to decide on suitable modalities to ensure that the question of strengthening the operational activities of the United Nations system is discussed by the Council at its regular session of 1992, taking into account in that regard the recommendations of the twenty-sixth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination concerning the selection of themes for 1992; 1/

(b) To request the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its regular session of 1992 an analytical report which should include recent and relevant studies on operational activities, including the Nordic United Nations project. 2/

1/ E/1991/143, para. 69.

2/ See A/C.2/46/7.

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Corrigendum

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:
ENVIRONMENT

Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire: draft resolution

International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The General Assembly,

Aware of the disastrous situation caused in Kuwait and neighbouring areas by the torching and destruction of hundreds of its oil wells and of the other environmental consequences on the atmosphere, land and marine life,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council describing the nature and extent of the environmental damage suffered by Kuwait, 1/

1/ See S/22535.

Having also taken note of decision 16/11 A of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, 2/

Profoundly concerned at the deterioration in the environment as a consequence of the damage, especially the threat posed to the health and well-being of the people of Kuwait and the inhabitants of the region, and the adverse impact on the economic activities of Kuwait and other countries of the region, including the effects on livestock, agriculture and fishing, as well as on wildlife,

Acknowledging the fact that dealing with this catastrophe goes beyond the capabilities of the countries of the region and, in that regard, recognizing the need for strengthened international cooperation to deal with the issue,

Taking note with appreciation of the appointment by the Secretary-General of an Under-Secretary-General as his Personal Representative to coordinate United Nations efforts in this field,

Also taking note with appreciation of the efforts already undertaken by the Member States of the region, other States, the organizations of the United Nations system, and governmental and non-governmental organizations to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of this environmental catastrophe,

Bearing in mind the effective work of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the inter-agency task force established especially for the environmental situation in the region under the leadership of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Expressing its special appreciation to the Governments which have extended financial support to the two trust funds established for the purpose by the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Emphasizing the need to continue to take comprehensive measures to study and mitigate these environmental consequences within a framework of sustained and coordinated international cooperation,

1. Urgently appeals to all States Members of the United Nations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, scientific bodies and individuals to provide assistance for programmes aimed at the study and mitigation of the environmental deterioration of the region, and for strengthening the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment and its role in coordinating the implementation of these programmes;

2/ See A/46/25, annex; to be issued subsequently as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/46/25).

2. Calls upon the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, in particular the International Maritime Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme, to pursue their efforts to assess and counteract the short-term as well as long-term impact of the environmental deterioration of the region;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, through his Personal Representative, to render assistance to the members of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment in the formulation and implementation of a coordinated and consolidated programme of action comprising costed project profiles, to help identify and mobilize possible resources for the programme of action and, inter alia, for strengthening the environmental capacities of the members of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment to surmount the problem, and to allocate the minimum resources required to enable his Personal Representative to continue to help coordinate the activities of the United Nations system to that end;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait".

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND THE DIVERSIFICATION AND MODERNIZATION OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.17

Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 45/196 of 21 December 1990, as well as other relevant resolutions in the field of industrial development cooperation,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ in particular paragraphs 2 and 4,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Notes with interest the proposal of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for a study on the structure of world industrialization from the long-term perspective as a contribution to the overall assessment of and needs for industrial development

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1/ A/46/455.

in developing countries, and recommends that the Industrial Development Board should consider the proposal at its next session and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination to submit the reports referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10 of resolution 45/196 in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

4. Decides that the item entitled "Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries" should, from the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, be considered on a biennial basis.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.26

Report of the South Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/195 of 21 December 1990,

Recognizing the relevance of the report entitled The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission 1/ in addressing the challenges of the South in the 1990s, especially the North-South dialogue, trade, finance, technology, regional cooperation and integration among developing countries,

Taking note of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the informal exchange of views held in the Council on the report of the South Commission, 2/

1. Urges Member States, international organizations and other relevant institutions to study the report of the South Commission with a view to putting into effect its recommendations, as appropriate;

1/ New York, Oxford University Press, 1990. For an overview and summary of the report, see A/45/810 and Corr.1, annex.

2/ A/46/448.

2. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to provide support for the distribution of the report of the South Commission in the developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, in order to enhance economic and technical cooperation among the developing countries;

3. Urges the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions and other developmental bodies of the United Nations to support developing countries in the context of implementing the relevant recommendations of the report of the South Commission, with special emphasis on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Invites the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme and the regional commissions to follow, within their respective spheres of competence, the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the South Commission by the parties concerned, as appropriate;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to monitor the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon, as appropriate, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: ENVIRONMENT

Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Fiji, Guatemala, Malaysia, New Zealand, Paraguay, Philippines, Thailand, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia: draft resolution

Environment and agricultural protectionist policies

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/186 of 11 December 1987 on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond and resolution 44/227 of 22 December 1989 on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187,

Reaffirming its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and its resolution 44/229 of 22 December 1989 on international cooperation in the field of the environment,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/53 of 26 July 1991, on food and agriculture, in which it was recognized that if the challenges of increasing food production and productivity and food security are to be met in developing countries, sustainable agricultural development in all countries should be promoted by new initiatives and sound national policies,

Welcoming the increasing attention being accorded to the relationship between agricultural protectionist policies and the environment,

Welcoming also the Conference on Agriculture and the Environment, held at Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, from 5 to 19 April 1991, organized by the Government of the Netherlands and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the

United Nations, and the Den Bosch Declaration and Agenda for Action on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development, 1/

Recalling Trade and Development Board resolution 393 (XXXVIII) of 4 October 1991 entitled "The contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within its mandate, to sustainable development", 2/

1. Invites the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, at its fourth session, to take fully into consideration, particularly in the context of Agenda 21, the relationship between protectionist agricultural policies and the environment, including the current situation and future trends of the following aspects of this relationship:

(a) Policies of agricultural protection adopted by high-cost-producing countries, which not only encourage production patterns that are environmentally and economically unsustainable but also place pressure on efficient farmers in other countries to adopt agricultural practices that are less sustainable environmentally to compensate for low export returns, resulting in potentiali ecological damage;

(b) The impact, on the local and global environment, of agricultural protectionist policies that encourage environmentally unsustainable agricultural practices;

(c) The impact of unsustainable agricultural practices, which needs to be studied from the technical and quantitative point of view, in order that the relationship between protectionist agricultural policies and damage to the environment, both locally and globally, can be examined and measured;

2. Calls for international cooperative programmes that should be developed and used to support Action on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development initiatives in the area of international trade in order to improve market access and ensure fair prices, with a view to promoting sound economic growth and sustainable development in the low-cost-producing countries, particularly the developing ones;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all members of the international community, intergovernmental organizations and relevant institutions with expertise in the field of sustainable agriculture in order to facilitate an exchange of information on this matter;

1/ CL 99/23, appendix A.

2/ See A/46/15 (Vol. II), chap. II (A).

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in close cooperation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and taking into account the outcome of United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and other relevant international negotiations, a comprehensive analytical report on the issue indicated in paragraph 1 above for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "Environment and agricultural protectionist policies".

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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

China and Ghana*: draft resolution

United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/211 of 21 December 1990 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Having considered the reports of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on its second 1/ and third sessions, 2/ held at Geneva from 18 March to 5 April and from 12 August to 4 September 1991 respectively,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and calls for its full implementation;

2. Reiterates the fundamental interrelationship between environment and development, stresses the need to integrate fully and keep the balance between the developmental and environmental dimensions during the entire preparatory

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ A/46/48 (Part I).

2/ A/46/48 (Part II).

process and during the Conference, and further stresses the importance of the need for cross-sectoral issues to be fully integrated into that work;

3. Decides that the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development should be held at United Nations Headquarters from 2 March to 3 April 1992;

4. Stresses the importance of the regional meetings held within the framework of preparations for the Conference, and in this regard calls upon the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session to continue to give due attention to the recommendations of all regional meetings, including those held recently;

5. Urges, once again, that representation at the Conference be at the level of head of State or Government;

6. Takes note of the reports of the Preparatory Committee on its second and third sessions and endorses the decisions contained therein;

7. Endorses section B of Preparatory Committee decision 3/11 of 4 September 1991, 3/ in which the Preparatory Committee recommended to the General Assembly that pre-session consultations on the Conference be held in Rio de Janeiro on 29 and 30 May 1992 and section C of Preparatory Committee decision 3/11 of 4 September 1991 3/ on participation in the Conference;

8. Also endorses Preparatory Committee decision 3/12 of 4 September 1991 3/ on participation in the Conference, stresses the importance of the participation of developing countries in the preparatory process and in the Conference, and requests the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session to review relevant parts of the annex to Preparatory Committee decision 3/11 E, 3/ with a view to ensuring adequate and full participation of developing countries in the Conference and in its subsidiary bodies;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the following to the Conference:

(a) All States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate, in the capacity of observers, in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; such representatives would participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with the General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988;

3/ A/46/48 (Part II), annex.

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in its region; such representatives would participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) All executive heads of specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system;

(e) All intergovernmental organizations that have been invited to participate in the work of the Preparatory Committee;

(f) All non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the work of the Preparatory Committee by the conclusion of its fourth session; those organizations should receive invitations to participate as observers at the Conference;

10. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments and others that have contributed to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development for the preparatory process;

11. Decides to extend the validity and use of the Voluntary Fund established by its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 in order to assist developing countries in participating fully and effectively in the Conference, and requests the Secretary-General to mobilize the necessary resources to ensure the full participation of developing countries in the Conference and its subsidiary organs and urges Governments to contribute urgently and generously to the Voluntary Fund in order to achieve this goal;

12. Also decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to submit the report on the Conference to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

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INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39, the General Assembly would:

(a) Endorse the Declaration of the Special High-Level Council and encourage the members of the Council to embark actively on the implementation of their tasks, with particular attention to increasing public awareness of the potential for disaster reduction and raising support for the activities of the Decade from Governments, funding organizations and the business community (operative para. 1);

(b) Endorse the recommendations contained in the first annual report of the Scientific and Technical Committee on the Decade, while recognizing that implementation by disaster-vulnerable countries of the targets set by that Committee would constitute significant progress in reducing the impact of disaster during the Decade (operative para. 2);

(c) Endorse also the proposal of the Scientific and Technical Committee concerning the convening in 1994 of a world conference of representatives of national committees for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, which would bring together participants from a broad range of sectors of activity, including the scientific and technological sector, the business sector and the industrial sector, as well as non-governmental groups, and which would serve as a substantive contribution to the mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the Decade, called for in its resolution 44/236 (operative para. 3);

(d) Request the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the activities of the Decade (operative para. 8).

B. Relationship of the proposed requests to the medium-term plan and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

2. The activities referred to in the draft resolution are related to major programme VII, programme 37 (Disaster relief and mitigation, and special emergency programmes) subprogramme 2 (Disaster mitigation) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 1/ They are also related to, but not programmed under, section 30 (Disaster relief operations) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, 2/ in which it is indicated, in paragraph 30.1, that details on staff and resources for the Decade secretariat are to be provided separately.

C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. With regard to the activities for the Decade as envisaged for the biennium 1992-1993 (A/46/266-E/1991/106/Add.1), it is understood that the Special High-Level Council would continue to provide the Secretary-General with overall advice for the implementation of the objective and goals of the Decade. The Council would meet annually during the biennium and focus on improvement of capabilities at the national level, particularly human resources, mobilization of support for disaster mitigation activities from the public and private sectors, increased involvement of the media, development of incentives for natural disaster mitigation, and international coordination. The Scientific and Technical Committee would meet twice in 1992 and once in 1993 and continue to develop, within the International Framework of Action for the Decade, specific programmes to reduce losses from natural disasters, paying attention to priorities and gaps in technical knowledge identified at the national level, and continue to assess and evaluate the activities carried out in the course of the Decade, as envisaged in document A/46/266-E/1991/106/Add.1. The Committee would continue to report annually to the Secretary-General, making recommendations on the above-mentioned programmes.

4. The Decade secretariat, established at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in close association with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (UNDRO), and under the overall guidance of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, would provide substantive and secretarial support to the Special High-Level Council and the Scientific and Technical Committee and facilitate the exchange of information between those bodies. The secretariat would also provide support to national committees in the development of national disaster reduction plans; assist the Member States in the development and implementation of disaster mitigation projects; coordinate Decade activities with other organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations;

undertake research and disseminate information material, in consultation with the Scientific and Technical Committee and national committees; and issue a bi-monthly newsletter Stop Disasters. The Decade secretariat would continuously monitor the implementation of the International Framework of Action and the achievement of the Decade targets and goals, and prepare the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Decade for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

5. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, activities related to the Decade are not programmed in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Accordingly, the work programme under section 30 (Disaster relief operations) subprogramme 2 (Disaster mitigation) of the proposed programme budget for that biennium would need to be modified by adding the following activities:

(a) International cooperation

Emergency and humanitarian relief services

Support services for the work of the Special High-Level Council and the Scientific and Technical Committee, including the facilitation of information exchange between these bodies; provision of support to national committees in the development of national disaster reduction plans; liaison with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with achieving the objective and goals of the Decade (extrabudgetary);

(b) Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation

Report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on activities implemented in the context of the Decade (extrabudgetary);

(c) Published material

Recurrent publication: bi-monthly Decade newsletter Stop Disasters (extrabudgetary);

(d) Operational activities

Advisory services on development and implementation of disaster mitigation projects (extrabudgetary);

(e) Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination of activities in the context of the Decade with other United Nations programmes and with specialized agencies of the United Nations system (extrabudgetary).

E. Financial arrangements and estimated requirements for the biennium 1992-1993

6. Under the terms of the financial arrangements outlined in the annex to General Assembly resolution 44/236, the activities of the Decade are financed from extrabudgetary resources provided by Governments, international organizations and other sources, including the private sector. In 1989, the Secretary-General established a Trust Fund for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, which has financed activities related to the Decade since the preparatory stage, including expenditures for its secretariat.

7. On 1 January 1990, the Trust Fund had an opening balance of $67,000 accrued from the preparatory activities of 1989. For the biennium 1990-1991, voluntary contributions totalling $2,010,900 have been received, including contributions earmarked for the biennium 1992-1993, namely a contribution of $136,000 from the Government of Finland to provide for an economist and $500,000 from the Government of Japan.

8. During the biennium 1990-1991, the Trust Fund provided the following staff resources for the secretariat:

(a) A temporary L-6 post was established in August 1990 to accommodate a senior scientist through June 1992 and was provided under bilateral arrangements with the Government of the United States of America. The incumbent of the post was subsequently designated Acting Director of the Decade secretariat;

(b) A temporary P-5 post was established for the biennium 1990-1991 and financed from the Trust Fund.

9. Operating costs, including those for general temporary assistance, staff travel, general operating expenses, acquisition of furniture and equipment and supplies and materials, have been met from the resources of the Trust Fund. Total expenditures, including provision for the above posts, amounted to $1,338,000 for the biennium 1990-1991. In addition, in 1991, the first session of the Scientific and Technical Committee was supported by the Government of Germany, and the second session of the Committee and the inaugural session of the Special High-Level Council were financed by the Government of Japan. During the biennium 1990-1991, the production, translation and printing of three issues of the Decade newsletter Stop Disasters was undertaken by the Vesuvius Observatory of Italy. Moreover, consultants have been provided to the secretariat by the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization on a part-time basis.

10. For the biennium 1992-1993, the full cost of providing conference servicing for the Special High-Level Council meeting at Geneva for one day each year of the biennium and the Scientific and Technical Committee meeting at Geneva for two sessions of one week each in 1992, and for a session of one week in 1993, is estimated at $828,700 as follows:

	1992 $	1993 $	Total $
Special High-Level Council			
Conference-servicing costs			
Pre-session documentation (24 pages, 1 document: A,C,E,F,R,S)	21 800	22 800	
Meeting servicing (Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	9 900	10 400	
Post-session documentation (5 pages, 1 document: A,C,E,F,R,S)	5 000	5 200	
Total	36 700	38 400	75 100
Other costs			
Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 10 members of the Special High-Level Council meeting for one day each year	31 600	33 000	64 600
Scientific and Technical Committee			
Conference-servicing costs			
Pre-session documentation (100 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	183 000	96 000	
Meeting servicing (Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	99 500	52 200	
In-session documentation (90 pages, 9 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	165 800	87 000	
Post-session documentation (24 pages, 3 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	46 000	24 100	
Total	494 300	259 300	753 600
Other costs			
Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 25 members of the Scientific and Technical Committee for two sessions of one week each in 1992 and one session of one week in 1993	188 900	95 700	284 600

11. The non-conference-servicing costs of travel and daily subsistence allowance for participants in the meetings of the two bodies, totalling $349,200, is expected to be financed from a fund of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). However, it is anticipated that the conference-servicing costs for meetings of the Special High-Level Council and the Scientific and Technical Committee would, as was the practice in the current biennium, be funded from the regular budget of the United Nations within the overall conference-servicing capacity of the Organization.

12. With regard to the Decade secretariat, in addition to the posts referred to in paragraph 8 above, bilateral arrangements with the Government of Finland would provide for a P-4 post for an economist during 1992. Moreover, given the level and scope of responsibilities attached to the Decade secretariat, it is proposed to establish a post for the Director of the secretariat at the D-2 level, effective January 1992, in order to provide overall coordination of the Decade activities and generate much-needed voluntary contributions. Negotiations are also under way with prospective donors regarding provision for two experts in support of national committee and public information activities.

13. On the basis of the above proposals, the staffing of the Decade secretariat and related costs for 1992-1993 would be as follows:

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(a)	1 D-2 post for the Director of the secretariat, responsible for the management and supervision of all work of the secretariat and the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources to support its activities	
	January 1992-December 1993	329 200
(b)	1 L-6 post, funded by the Government of the United States for a senior scientist to provide technical advice on disaster-related issues (consultations with the donor are under way for possible continuation of this arrangement)	
	January-June 1992	75 800
(c)	1 P-5 post for a senior officer responsible for the initiation, planning and coordination of activities for the Decade	
	January 1992-December 1993	284 200
(d)	1 P-4 post, funded by the Government of Finland, for an economist to advise on the cost benefits of disaster mitigation	
	January-December 1992	121 700
	Total	810 900

14. In addition, it is estimated the secretariat would require $669,500 for its operation and other costs during the biennium 1992-1993, as detailed below:

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General temporary assistance (equivalent to 48 work/months at the General Service level)	269 500
Travel of staff	130 000
External printing	20 000
General operating expenses	20 000
Communications	40 000
Supplies and materials	18 000
Hospitality	6 000
Advisory services (operational projects)	166 000
Total	669 500

15. In accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, a programme support provision of 13 per cent, or $192,400, would be added to the costs of $1,480,400 estimated in paragraphs 13 and 14 above, amounting to a total of $1,672,800 to be financed from the Trust Fund for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction in 1992-1993. As mentioned in paragraph 11, the estimated non-conference-servicing costs of $349,200 for travel and per diem for participants in the meetings of the two bodies in 1992-1993 is expected to be funded from UNDP sources.

F. Potential for absorption

Conference-servicing costs

16. As indicated in paragraph 10 above, the estimates of conference-servicing costs totalling $828,700 would be provided from the overall conference-servicing capacity of the Organization. These estimates are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 32 (Conference services) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can only be determined in the light of the proposed calendar of conferences for the biennium 1992-1993. As indicated in section 32, paragraph 32.5, of the proposed programme budget, however, the level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings in 1992-1993 was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings that were programmed, but also additional meetings. In other words, provision

was made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation, but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in 1992-1993 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolution.

Non-conference-servicing costs

17. As indicated in paragraph 15, the estimated requirements from the Trust Fund for the biennium 1992-1993 would amount to $1,672,800. Bearing in mind the expected Trust Fund balance of $739,900 at the end of December 1991, additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of $932,900 would be required to maintain the secretariat and implement activities in the forthcoming biennium.

G. Summary

18. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39, the additional activities as detailed in paragraph 5 above would be included under section 30 (Disaster relief operations) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

19. Adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39 by the General Assembly would have no financial implications for the United Nations regular budget. However, additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of $932,900 would be required for the biennium 1992-1993 in order to implement the Decade activities. Should additional voluntary contributions not materialize, the activities proposed would have to be deferred until sufficient resources were available under the Trust Fund.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

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TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Cameroon, Central African Republic, Gabon and Nigeria: draft resolution

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/172 of 5 December 1986, 42/197 of 11 December 1987, 43/201 of 20 December 1988, 44/175 of 19 December 1989 and 45/219 of 21 December 1990,

Having considered the report of the high-level consultant appointed by the Secretary-General 1/ in the light of the comments made thereon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ the report of the Secretary-General containing the comments of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, as well as his own views on the report of the consultant 3/ and the statements made before the Second Committee on 15 November 1991 by the representative of the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the Institute and the consultant, 4/

1/ A/46/482, annex.

2/ A/46/624.

3/ A/46/619.

4/ See A/C.2/46/SR.42.

Recognizing the continuing importance and relevance of the functions of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly in the field of training,

Noting with concern the continuing lack of a sufficiently broad base of donor countries supporting the Institute,

Deeply concerned that the sale of the headquarters property of the Institute, which would have enabled a reserve fund for the Institute to be established, has not yet been completed,

Noting with concern that the 1991 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities did not provide the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research with the level of resources required for it to maintain a minimum training programme,

Noting that the resources of the General Fund of the Institute are used exclusively for the funding of training activities benefiting all Member States and United Nations staff members and for maintaining a minimum institutional structure,

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the consultant appointed by the Secretary-General, the comments thereon contained in the report of the Secretary-General and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Agrees that the functions of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research should be redefined as follows:

A. Training

Training shall continue to be the main focus of the Institute's activities and shall include:

(a) Training in international cooperation and multilateral diplomacy, including diplomatic training for Member States in cooperation with their national institutions, especially those of developing countries;

(b) Training for economic and social development;

(c) In-service training of personnel of the United Nations and its specialized agencies;

(d) Training of persons from developing countries interested in international careers;

(e) Training for peace-keeping operations.

B. Research

In addition to research on training, the research activities of the Institute shall concentrate on the improvement of the United Nations system and the maintenance of peace and security.

3. Requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the recommendations of the consultant and the comments made thereon before the Second Committee, and in close consultation with the appropriate United Nations bodies and the appropriate offices of the Secretariat and in collaboration with the Board of Trustees of the Institute, to formulate, in accordance with paragraph 35 of his report, 3/ a set of operational measures for the restructuring of the Institute, taking fully into account the comments made by the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the consultant;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 3 above, to review the situation with regard to the headquarters building of the Institute, since under current market conditions its sale would not be profitable, and, in the meantime, to make good use of the space available in that building with a view to reducing the Institute's debt to the United Nations;

5. Decides, in the interim and as a transitional measure, to grant two million United States dollars to the General Fund of the Institute as a contribution to the Institute's training services in the field of international cooperation and multilateral diplomacy for all Member States and for United Nations staff members;

6. Requests that the budgetary proposals of the Institute continue to be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for review and comment prior to approval by the Board of Trustees of the Institute;

7. Reaffirms that the activities of the Institute that are not funded from the General Fund shall continue to be funded through voluntary contributions mobilized as special-purpose grants from Governments, intergovernmental organizations, foundations and other non-governmental sources;

8. Agrees with the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the Institute should, immediately after the sale of its property, repay the amounts currently owed to the United Nations and use the balance to establish a reserve fund for the Institute;

9. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue to explore new modalities for greater interfacing among United Nations research bodies, and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation to continue to organize meetings of United Nations research institutes with a view to enhancing practical cooperation among them,

particularly in regard to the formulation and implementation of their programmes and plans;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

Programme budget implications of draft decision A/C.2/46/L.62

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft decision

1. Under the terms of draft decision A/C.2/46/L.62, the General Assembly would:

(a) Endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/83 of 26 July 1991 on the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

(b) Agree to provide adequate resources within the context of the biennium 1992-1993 for the full implementation of that resolution.

2. By resolution 1991/83, the Economic and Social Council, inter alia, adopted the programme for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (1991-2000) (operative para. 1); recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme for the Second Decade (operative para. 2); requested the General Assembly to formally launch the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (operative para. 3); invited the General Assembly to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the necessary regular budgetary resources to enable it to carry out its responsibilities as the lead agency for the Second Decade effectively and efficiently (operative para. 4); and requested the Economic Commission for Africa, as lead agency, to ensure that adequate manpower and financial resources, both regular and extrabudgetary,

were allocated for harmonizing, coordinating and monitoring the organization and implementation of the activities of the Second Decade and other relevant projects that were the responsibility of the Commission as lead agency (operative para. 6).

II. Description of activities proposed in the draft decision and their estimated requirements at full cost

3. The above proposals fall under major programme VI (Regional cooperation for economic and social development), programme 30 (Regional cooperation for development in Africa), subprogramme 19 (Transport and communications) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 1/ This subprogramme was given high priority. The proposals are also part of section 23 (Economic Commission for Africa) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993; the resources proposed for the biennium under subprogramme 19 amount to $2,481,600 (at revised 1991 rates). 2/

4. The activities of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) during the biennium 1992-1993 will be oriented towards further promotion of regional cooperation for the development of transport, communications and postal services, including related issues of infrastructure and networks at country and regional levels, through the formulation of appropriate policies and programmes. These activities will include:

(a) Seven working groups and four subregional workshops/seminars of three working days for country representatives at ECA headquarters and in various parts of the continent;

(b) Twelve staff missions of five working days each to assist African countries in finalizing their country programmes in the context of the Decade; four fund-raising missions of five working days each to donor countries and international financial institutions would be undertaken by the ECA Resource Mobilization Committee;

(c) Two brochures and two reports on programme implementation would be issued for distribution to the media, governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions and the general public.

5. The programme would be guided and monitored by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, assisted by the Intergovernmental Experts on Transport, Communications and Planning, the Inter-agency Coordinating Committee and the Resource Mobilization Committee.

6. The estimated requirements at full cost for these activities would be:

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(a)	Working groups and workshops:	
	Travel and daily subsistence allowance costs for three staff members attending each subregional workshop	47 600
	Consultants (emoluments for (i) five research persons for workshops/working groups (eight work-months) and (ii) specialized expertise in transport and communications to prepare a consolidated baseline assessment of the sector (six work-months)	64 000
(b)	Missions (travel and daily subsistence allowance costs for two staff members to serve each mission)	112 000
(c)	Consultancy for three work-months in relation to preparation of two brochures	10 000
(d)	Servicing of additional meetings of the intergovernmental organs (temporary assistance for meetings)	156 000
(e)	One post at the P-3 level and related General Service (Local Level) post to strengthen the capacity of the Division for Transport, Communications and Tourism in the preparation and implementation of Decade-related activities; the P-3 post would be responsible for the preparation of the working groups, workshops and missions in the context of the programme of activities	99 900
	Total	489 500

III. Modifications required in the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993 and estimated additional requirements

7. The following activities would be added to the 1992-1993 proposed programme of work of ECA under section 23:

Subprogramme 19. Transport and communications

Activities:

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: reports to (a) the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning and (b) the Meeting of the Intergovernmental Experts on Transport, Communications and Planning.

3. Published material

(b) Four non-recurrent publications: two brochures and two annual reports on implementation of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa.

The other activities referred to in paragraph 4 above have already been programmed under subprogramme 19.

8. The resources requested under subprogramme 19 of section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 would partly cover the costs involved. This would partly be the case for consultants ($18,000), for travel of staff ($52,000) and requirements for temporary assistance for meetings ($156,000). For printing, it is intended to utilize to the extent possible the in-house capacity of ECA. The remaining costs, amounting to $263,500 ($56,000 for consultants, $107,600 for travel of staff and $99.900 for staff costs), represent the additional requirements under section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to be treated in the context of the guidelines for the operation of the contingency fund.

IV. Contingency fund

9. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. If additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modification of proposed activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred to a later biennium. In addition, each statement of programme budget implications and each proposed revised estimates should contain alternatives to the financing from the contingency fund of the proposed new activities.

10. In the event that the additional $263,500 cannot be financed from the contingency fund, the following activities of low priority under section 23 would be postponed to the biennium 1994-1995:

Subprogramme 12. Trade development and cooperation

Activities:

3. Operational activities

Advisory services on the implementation of the Strategies for the Revitalization, Recovery and Growth of Africa's Trade in the 1990s and Beyond (12 work-months of Professional staff and $8,000 for travel).

Subprogramme 15. Natural resources

Activities:

2. Published material

(b) Non-recurrent publications: proposals for conservation and rational use of water resources in selected North African countries (four work-months of Professional staff, four work-months of Local Level staff and $21,100 of consultancy).

3. Information materials and services

Poster commemorating the International Space Year; charts and exhibitions on ECA activities (10 work-months of Professional staff, 7 work-months of Local Level staff and $7,700 of operational costs).

Subprogramme 17. Science and technology for development

Activities:

4. Operational activities

(b) Group training: workshop on effectiveness of national institutions for science and technology (four work-months of Professional staff, one work-month of Local Level staff and $17,000 of travel costs).

11. The costs associated with the above activities of low priority, totalling $260,000, would be utilized for the financing of the activities called for in draft decision A/C.2/46/L.62.

V. Summary

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft decision A/C.2/46/L.62, the proposed programme of work under section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 would be increased by the additional activities listed in paragraph 7 above.

13. Subject to guidelines for the operation and use of the contingency fund, an additional appropriation of $263,500 would be required under section 23. In addition, an appropriation in the amount of $16,100 for staff assessment would be required under section 36 (Staff assessment), to be offset by the equivalent amount of incomes under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. II, paras. 30.126 to 30.130.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. II, section 23, paras. 23.79 to 23.83.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS AND POLICIES AGREED UPON IN THE DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.13

Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

Recalling its resolution 45/234 of 21 December 1990,

1. Calls once again upon States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies to take appropriate measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and, while emphasizing the importance of steps to be taken individually or collectively to fulfil the commitments and policies of the Declaration, urges all Member States to endeavour to respond to the Secretary-General's request for information;

3. Decides to keep the implementation of the Declaration under political review at its forty-seventh session;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, an analytical report, including his assessment of the steps taken by Governments of developed and developing countries, individually and collectively, as well as by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, towards implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "International cooperation for economic growth and development" which will include two sub-items: (a) "Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries"; and (b) "Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade".

1/ A/46/505.